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For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, A
HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, AND A HARD DISK DRIVE

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification. (Ref. 2)
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- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 2-3)

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 2-3.

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	2	JP A 2000-311311 w/ abst & trans	11/07/2000	Japan		
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